



THE SENATE

**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT REFERENCES COMMITTEE**

**The issue of increasing disruption in Australian school classrooms**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
Friday 15 September 2023**

**Committee Room 2S3  
Parliament House, Canberra**

Time	Witness
8.00 am	<i>(via videoconference):</i> <b>Mr Tom Bennett OBE</b>
8.40 am	<b>The Centre for Independent Studies</b> Mr Glenn Fahey, Program Director, Education Policy
9.10 am	<i>(via videoconference):</i> <b>Dr Donna Cross OAM</b>
9.40 am	<i>(via videoconference):</i> <b>Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority</b> Mr David de Carvalho, Chief Executive Officer Ms Sharon Foster, Executive Director, Curriculum Mr Russell Dyer, Executive Director, Assessment & Reporting
10.10 am	<b>The Autistic Realm Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 61</i> ) Ms Anna Colbasso, Co-Founder and Chair Dr Yolande McNicoll, Secretary (Executive role), Board Member Mrs Kylieanne Derwent, Vice President (via videoconference)
<b>10.40 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
10.50 am	<b>Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership</b> ( <i>Submission 82</i> ) Mr Mark Grant, Chief Executive Officer Mr Edmund Misson, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
11.30 am	<b>Australian Education Research Organisation</b> ( <i>Submission 23</i> ) Dr Jenny Donovan, Chief Executive Officer Ms Sarah Richardson, Program Director
12.10 pm	<b>Department of Education</b> ( <i>Submission 24</i> ) Ms Julie Birmingham, First Assistant Secretary, Teaching and Learning Division Genevieve Watson, Assistant Secretary, Teaching Practice Branch
<b>1.10 pm</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>